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REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The apparatus disclosed by Taylor, which examiner relies upon to supply a securing lip in combination with Kewin, is for the purpose of protecting the ends of paper in paper rolls from damage during shipping. The illustrated flanges do not by themselves provide the necessary pressure to secure the side ends of the paper roll, which is an object of applicant's invention.

Particularly, as made clear in Taylor, page 2, left column, lines 4-7: "Bands or wires **21** of metal or other appropriate material, are secured about the applied heads or rather about the flanges **13** of the heads to secure same in place." So, Taylor's flanges clearly serve a protective role, but they do not alone secure the paper ends. To secure the ends, additional material, i.e., "[b]ands or wires **21** of metal or other appropriate material, are secured about . . . the flanges **13**."

Independent apparatus claim 1 is therefore amended to recite that "pressure for securing said side ends is provided by said paper retention caps; and *no additional material is secured about said paper retention caps to provide said pressure.*" Independent method claim 7 is amended to specify the step of: "providing pressure for securing said side ends using said paper retention caps, *without securing any additional material about said paper retention caps to provide said pressure.*"

These amendments clearly distinguish past Taylor's caps, which clearly do not provide the necessary securing function on their own, but which are merely protective. This is further

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buttressed by Taylor's claims, which all focus on the end caps
protecting the paper, but which do not mention any securing
function because the securing is provided by "other appropriate
material . . . secured about . . . the flanges 13" and not by the
5 flanges themselves.

Consequently, claims 1 and 7 are allowable over the prior
art of record, and applicant respectfully requests allowance at
this time.

The remaining claims are allowable by virtue of their
10 dependence on allowable claims 1 and 7, as well as by virtue of
their additional recited points of novelty and nonobviousness
which do not need enumeration here.

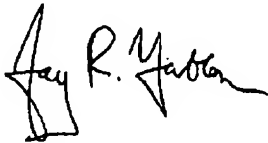
Conclusion

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Having overcome all rejections of record based on all prior
art of record, applicant respectfully requests allowance of all
claims at this time, and looks forward to receiving a notice of
allowance in the near future.

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Respectfully submitted,



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